plantation and construction of houses for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are undertaken. These are the works which are undertaken. . (*Interruptions*)... so far as the other issue raised by my honourable friend is concerned, in fact it is a regional issue which we have been considering with the State Government, and we have been talking about how to settle the regional imbalance.

Slum Clearance in New Delhi

*268. SHRI K. MOHANAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to clean up the slums in the Capital; and

(b) the manner in which slum dwellers of Delhi are proposed to be rehabilitated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Major relocation of the slum dwellers has been discontinued throughout the country as also in the Capital with the termination of the Sixth five Year Plan as a matter of Policy. In the Seventh five Year Plan the emphasis will be on environmental improvment of the slums. For this the following schemes are proposed to be taken up in the Capital in the Seventh five Year plan :—

(1) Environmental improvement in slum areas.

(2) Structural improvement in slum Katras.

(3) Conversion of dry latrines into water-borne latrines in slum areas.

(4) Development of Shahjahanabad.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : Madam, clearance of slum-dwellers and their rehabilitation is a problem in all major metropolitan cities.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Kalpnath Rai, don't disturb. The Member is asking a question.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : I am afraid that Delhi is also coming to the level of Bombay in the matter of slum-dwellers, and new slums are coming up. Clearance of slum-dwellers and their rehabilitation is not possible at one stroke, I know, I can understand. But, even after clearing the existing slum-dwellers, new slums will come up. That is our experience. In this context, I would like to know from the Minister whether at least there is any specific programme available in this regard with the Government to make available to the existing slums some basic facilities like electricity, water, drainage and to improve the existing slums and creating better environmental conditions in the slum areas before completely clearing the slums and rehabilitating the slum-dwellers.

श्री दलबीर सिंह : माननीय सदस्य ने जो कहा है और उन्होंने सुझाव भी पेश किए है तो इसमें राष्ट्रीय नीति के अनुरूप सरकार ने जो निर्णय लिया है, मैं मानता हूं कि यहां पर बहुत से स्लम डवलर्ज हैं, लेकिन मलीन बस्तियों के लिए भी जो सुविधाएं हैं पानी की है, सामुदायिक शौचालय की है, सार्वजनिक स्नानागार आदि है इसके लिए नीति निर्धारण करनी है और इसका जितना ज्यादा हो सकेगा उतना हम पालन करेंगे।

SHRI K. MOHANAN : The convention in the House is, if a question is asked in English, the answer will also be in English.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The translation facility is also available. So, kindly use it. You cannot force anybody to speak in some language.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : Does he plead ignorance?

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM : Madam, there is convention of course, any one of the two languages, one can speak—if the concerned Minister knows the English language in which the question has been asked, it is the duty of the Minister to answer it in English. If he does not know English, it is all right. Let him say that he does not know English.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : Especially we are from non-Hindi speaking area, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Only Mr. Chandrakar followed it. Nobody else.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : My second supplementary is this. Will the Minister please state: what is the amount proposed for slum clearance and rehabilitation in the Seventh Plan and what is the share of Delhi in this regard? What is the proposed outlay for slum clearance in the Seventh Plan?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : माननीय सदस्य ने जो कहा है कि मुझे आंग्ल-भाषा नही आती है, इसके लिए यहां पूरी सुविधाएं इंटरप्रेटर की हैं । मैं उसमें नही जाना चाहता हूं कि मैं हिन्दी में ही बोलूं या अंग्रेजी में । लेकिन मैं आपसे यह रिकवेस्ट कर रहा हूं कि इसमें एलोकेशन आफ फंड्ज की फिगर्ज नही है, और हम जितना ज्यादा होता है प्रयास करते हैं और शासन की नीति है और दिल्ली का जहां तक ताल्लुक है अभी डी० डी० ए० ने भी जो पुरानी दिल्ली है शाहजहांनाबाद उसको भी उसने टेकअप किया है और जितना भी जो आपने कहा है कि जो ड्राइलैटरीन्ज की सुविधाएं है, पानी की हैं, स्नानागार की हैं ये सारी सुविधाएं मुहैया कराने की हम व्यवस्था कर रहे है ।

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : How is it? Madam Deputy Chairman, the Seventh Plan has already been completed; the draft has been approved. The Minister must be knowing the allocated amount. His question is : How much allocation has been made in the Seventh Plan for slum clearance and what is the share for New Delhi? (*Interruptions*) Is he aware of the Plan outlay for it?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : Listen here इसमें जो मूल बात है कि हाउ मैनी फंड्ज और एलोकेटेड इसके बारे में तो आपने इसमें कुछ दर्शाया नहीं है इसके लिए मैं बताने में असमर्थ हूं । हां, आप अगर इसके लिए स्पेसीफिकली पूछें तो मैं आपको जानकारी दूंगा ।

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM : Madam Deputy Chairman, the Minister has stated that they have taken so many steps for clearing of slums. In this regard, what I know is, after clearing slums and all these things, the persons accommodated in new houses constructed by the Government of India, again come back and construct huts in the slums. What action was taken by the Government in this regard especially to see the persons who are once accommodated, do not again come back and settle in a particular slum area? Has any action been proposed by the Government of India?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : आनरेबल मैडम वैसे भी शासन की नीति है कि हमारे जो स्लम-डवलर्ज हैं इसके लिए स्पेसीफिकली सेनीटेशन है, एनवायरनमेंटल है, इनको हम अलग से मकान नहीं देते है ।

उपसभापति : वह जो पूछ रहे हैं वह यह है कि आप जो एक स्लम क्लीयर करने के बाद और दोबारा जो उसी जगह पर स्लम बना लेते हैं उसके विषय में सरकार की क्या नीति है ? क्या सरकार कुछ ऐसा निर्णय ले रही है कि उनको वहां पर दोबारा स्लम न बनाने दिया जाए ?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : हमारी यही कोशिश है कि इनको स्लम-डवलर्ज को यह प्रावधान देते हैं है, जो सेनीटेशन है, एनवायरनमेंटल है वह इनके लिए करते हैं ।

श्री दीपेन घोष : वहां दोबारा जो बैठते हैं उनका क्या कर रहे हैं ?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : हमारी यही कोशिश रहती है कि वे दोबारा स्लम डवैलर्ज न बनें। हमारा यहीं प्रयास रहता है ।

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA : Madam Deputy Chairman, I would like to know from the Minister, whether he has a dead-line set, as to when all the slums in Delhi will be cleared? This has been going on for a long time. Does he have a dead-line? If so, what is the dead-line?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : वैसे भी माननीय सदस्य को मालूम है कि यह तो बड़ा अहम सवाल है, लेकिन हमारी सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में 1985 और 1990 तक हम इस मुद्दे तक पहुंचे हैं कि हम बहुत ज्यादा समस्यायें हल करने जा रहे हैं । इसके लिये हमारी प्रस्तावित योजनाएं भी हैं और डी० डी० ए० के पास भी हैं ।

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS : Madam Deputy Chairman, I would like to know from the Minister, how many slums are there in Delhi? How many are authorised and unauthorised slum dwellers are there in Delhi? How many slum areas have been authorised by the Government? Whether any basic amenities have been provided to the authorised slum dwellers? According to my information out of 72 slums, 36 slums have been authorised. The Minister has said that he has already provided basic amenities in the authorised slums. But there are no basic amenities in the 36 slums which have been authorised. In the Seventh Plan, whether the Government has carmarked any funds for authorised slums to provide basic amenities?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : माननीय सदस्या ने जो पूछा है इसमें दरअसल में हमारे 5.6 लाख स्लम डवैलर्ज हैं । ... (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति : इसके बारे में काफी कहा जा चुका है । उन्होंने कहा है कि वह आंकड़े देंगे । सैवन्थ प्लान जब हाउस में डिसकस होगा तब हम लोग ले लेंगे ।

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *ALIAS* V. ARUNACHALAM : Madam, the slum clearance is posing a serious problem not only in Delhi, but also in other State cities. The Government of India is following a discriminatory policy in granting more funds to the Delhi city and not to other State cities for the slum clearance. What is the policy they are following in giving grants? The State cities are not getting adequate grants for carrying out this work. What is the reason for this? Will the Minister reply to this question?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : ऐसा कुछ नहीं है कि दिल्ली को ही ज्यादा ग्रांट दी जाती है । जैसे आपकी योजनाएं आती हैं और आवश्यकता होती है उसी तरह से हम देते हैं ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Question No. 269.

*269. [*The questioners (Shri L. Ganesan and Shri V. Gopalsamy) were absent. For answer,* vide *Col.* 37-38 infra].

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now, we will take up Q. No. 270.

Shortage of edible oils due to drought

*270. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:†

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of ground-nut this season has declined due to drought;

† The quesion was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shis Sura Peasad.